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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20224**

July 12, 2019

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411A Highland Ave.  
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Dear Emma Best:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 2, 2019, that we received on July 8, 2019.

Your request is seeking copies of records mentioning or describing Pride Month activities, events or observances in 2017, 2018 or 2019. This includes but is not limited to:

- directives
- policies
- pride flag
- commemoration
- publications
- emails, memos, letters, and other communications with OGAs or the White House.

Unfortunately, we are unable to process your request as it does not meet the requirements of the FOIA or the applicable agency regulations. The FOIA requires that requests (1) "reasonably describe" the records sought and (2) be made in accordance with published agency rules. 5 U.S.C § 552(a)(3)(A). IRS regulations at Treas. Reg. § 601.702(c)(5)(i), require that the request describe the documents in sufficient detail to enable us to locate the records "without placing an unreasonable burden upon the IRS."

We encourage you to consider revising your request to limit and be as specific as possible, possibly limiting the search to specific offices and specific types of documents. You may find the IRS guide to making FOIA requests helpful in formulating your request. It is available at the following link:

[http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/irs\\_foia\\_guide.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/irs_foia_guide.pdf).

Please send us the indicated information within 35 days, along with a copy of this letter and your original request with the information requested. Otherwise, we will be forced to close your request without further action. The 20 days we are allowed to comply with your request will begin when we receive the requested information.

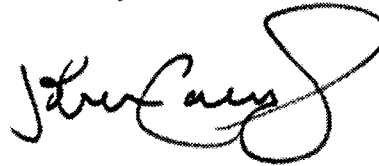
If you would like to discuss your request, you may contact me, the FOIA Public Liaison, Jason Addis at:

575 North Pennsylvania  
Room 558 MS 770  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 613-1746

The FOIA Public Liaison responds to FOIA and Privacy Act requests for copies of documents maintained by the IRS. There is no provision in either Act to resolve tax, collection, or processing issues and our staff is not trained to answer questions regarding those issues. If you need assistance with tax related issues you may call the IRS toll free number at 1-800-829-1040.

If you have any questions please call Tax Law Specialist Reinita L House ID # 1000201731, at 615-250-5413 or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Centralized Processing Unit - Stop 211, PO Box 621506, Atlanta, GA 30362. Please refer to case number F19189-0064.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John A Carpenter  
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